

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition comprising:
an ester of pentaerythritol and a benzoic acid having the formula (I):

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 \text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{R}^2 \\
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 \text{R}^1-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4 \\
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 \text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4
 \end{array} \quad (\text{I})$$
2. (Original) A cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein R¹ of the ester of pentaerythritol and benzoic acid of said formula (I) is a 2-ethylhexanoic acid residue and R² is a benzoic acid residue.
3. (Original) A cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount blended of the ester of pentaerythritol and benzoic acid of formula (I) is 5 to 80% by mass.
4. (Previously Presented) A cosmetic composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cosmetic composition is a lipstick.
5. (New) A cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the composition improves gloss of lips after application of the composition to the lips.